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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany

REPORT NO

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TOPIC Altenburg Airfield

EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT

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DATE PREPARED 19 October 1950

REFERENCES

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

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1. Thirty-six twin-engine planes, all of the same type, were seen at the Altenburg (N 51/K 27) airfield on 19 and 20 September 1950.

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(1) There was no flying between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on both days although it was not raining. About 25 Soviet Air Force soldiers were seen at the field. However, the barracks buildings in the woods east of the field were occupied by 1,000 to 2,000 men. (2) Ambulance tank truck trucks radio truck and truck for drivers' training were seen at the field and on the road to the field. (3)

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3. From 600 to 800 Germans, about half of them women, were doing reconditioning and enlargement work at the field. Four firms, Bauunion-South, Construction and Road Construction Teimar (N 51/J 57), Construction and Road Construction Jena (N 51/J 66), and VVB Thuringen, Underground and Road Construction Teimar, Altenburg Branch Office, Tel No 856, were given the contracts for the work.

4. The new runway strips adjacent to the old asphalt runway to the north, were under construction. (5) They were being surfaced with concrete slabs, about 2x3 meters, the cracks between being filled with asphalt. Gully trenches lined with masonry ran along the edges of the runway. About 40 German trucks were used for transporting the construction material. A hut, where concrete was being mixed, and cantonment buildings with the offices of the construction supervisors were at the construction site. There were concrete mixing carts, asphalt carts, steam rollers, large piles of bricks, gravel, sand and boards. Several patrols guarded the area.

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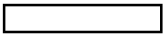
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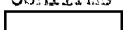
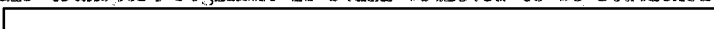
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 Comments.(1) Confirms the occupation as observed on 2 September 1950. 


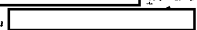
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 One air transport regiment is still believed to be stationed in Altenburg. 

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(2)  previously reported a personnel strength of about 500 men.  An occupation of more than 1,000 men appears too high if the field is occupied by only one air transport regiment with its component ground units.

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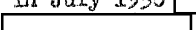
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(5) In July 1950  reported that the runway was completed.

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 From subject report it is inferred that another runway extension is being constructed.~~CONFIDENTIAL/US OFFICIALS ONLY~~~~CONFIDENTIAL~~